

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-36 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 7, 8, 25 and 26 are amended. The undersigned gratefully acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-6, 15-24 and 33-36 are allowed. However, for reasons as discussed below, all the claims are believed to be allowable.

Further, the undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the October 15 telephone interview. The substance of the telephone interview is incorporated into the remarks below and constitute the record of the interview.

**I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

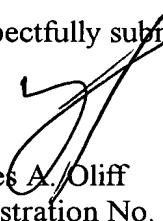
The Office Action rejects claims 7-14 and 25-32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In particular, in claims 7 and 25, the Office Action considers the phrase "regardless of whether the environmental condition is not" to be indefinite. In response, claims 7 and 25 have been amended to recite "regardless of whether the environmental condition is satisfied or not" to obviate the rejection. In claims 8 and 26, the Office Action considers the term "saturated vapor pressure" to be indefinite. In response, the phrase has been amended to recite "saturated water vapor pressure into the hydrogen gas generating system" to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-36 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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